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For: **PORTABLE DEVICES AND METHODS EMPLOYING DIGITAL WATERMARKING**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 56 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims, an abstract and 4 pages of Application Data Sheet.
- ☒ 7 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned).
- ☒ Statement Regarding Parent Application.

Continuing Application

- ☒ Continuation
 - ☐ Divisional
 - ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
- Prior Application Number 10/147,228
 Examiner M. Dastouri Art Unit: 2623

For	Claims filed	FILING FEE			Rate	Basic Fee
		Number Allotted		Number Extra		
Total Claims	32	20	=	12	\$18.00	\$216.00
Independent Claims	6	3	=	3	\$86.00	\$258.00
TOTAL FILING FEE			=			\$1,244.00

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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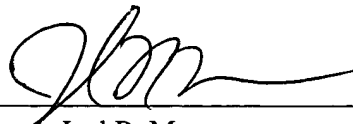
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STATEMENT REGARDING PARENT APPLICATION

This patent application copies claims from parent application 10/147,228, and includes substantially the same subject matter as the parent. However, the priority claims have been changed relative to 10/147,228, and the priority claim renders moot the issues raised by the Office in 10/147,228. In particular, the Office contended that several of the claims in 10/147,228 were anticipated by WO 97/43736 (pages 107-122). This passage of WO 97/43736 is found in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,862,260 and 6,122,403, and U.S. Application No. 08/637,531. This application includes the subject matter of these patents and applications and also includes a priority claim to them. Therefore, according to the Office's position in 10/147,228, WO 97/43736 should be removed as a prior art reference in this case due to its priority claim.

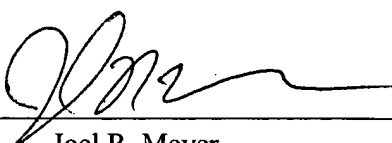
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